

STATE SENATOR • HANSEN CLARKE • 1ST DISTRICT
Clarke Press Release



P.O. Box 30036 • Lansing • Michigan • 48909-7536 • 517-373-7346 • fax: 517-373-9320
Email: senhclarke@senate.michigan.gov • www.senate.michigan.gov/dem/SD01

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, May 23

Contact: Sen. Hansen Clarke
517-373-7346

Sen. Clarke to Attend DFT Rally Today

Clarke available during rally for media Q & A

LANSING- Sen. Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit) will attend the Detroit Federation of Teachers rally today to show his support for teachers, students, and the incoming school board.

“The destiny of Detroit’s public schools should be shaped by an elected board, not political appointees,” Clarke stated in response to current district policies that give the district CEO a great deal of freedom in making long-term, district-wide budget decisions.

The Senator is most concerned by the fact that decisions made by the current CEO and reform board could unnecessarily tie the hands of future school boards. At issue is the possibility that decisions relating to the sale or closure of school buildings during the academic year could be made without board approval. Sen. Clarke has proposed legislation that will prohibit the sale of property by the Detroit School District until the reinstated elected board takes office in January, 2006.

“By making wise and thoughtful decisions, we can build a better future for Detroit Public Schools,” said Clarke who would also like to see more careful consideration given to the possibility of early retirement for long-time employees.

The DFT rally will take place today from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Fisher Building at 3011 W. Grand Blvd. in Detroit. Sen. Clarke will be available at 4 p.m. and throughout the rally to discuss his proposal.

#

Sen. Clarke represents District 1, which includes the City of Detroit.